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February 22, 1984

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Re: New Bedford Harbor

Dear Mr. Child:

This is a preliminary response to your letter dated February 17, 1984 to Mr. William Cheeseman regarding the alleged responsibility of Cornell Dubilier Electronics, Inc. ("CDE") for the present condition of New Bedford Harbor.

As we have told you on several occasions, we are interested in discussing a basis on which CDE can play a role in any work which may need to be done in connection with New Bedford Harbor and its environs. Let us take this opportunity to reiterate our interest at this time.

Contrary to your assertions, we are not aware of any prior notice or demand upon CDE. In particular, we are not aware of any prior opportunity to discuss our possible role in any corrective action.

Among other things, we understand that EPA has not completed its studies (RI/FS, etc.). We further understand that this has in the past been the reason given by EPA for declining to discuss with CDE the role it might be able to play in appropriate response action.

Your letter is dated on the Friday before a three-day weekend (federal holiday). It came to our attention only yesterday, February 21, 1984. We believe that five (5) days is insufficient notice and opportunity under the statute. We will give a further reply when we have had time to assess the issues raised in your letter.

Sincerely yours,

Laurie Burt

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